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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7528.0003-01

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application No.: 09/981,790 )  
Inventors: Todd J. MORTIER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: October 19, 2001 ) Examiner: Unknown  
For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM TENSION )  
MEMBERS DEVICE AND METHOD )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a [number] month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$[Fee] for the Extension is enclosed.

A claim fee is calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	52	-	27	25	x \$ 18	\$ 450.00
Indep.	4	-	3	1	x \$ 84	84.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$280	0.00
					Subtotal	\$ 534.00
					Reduction by 1/2 if small entity	- 267.00
					TOTAL	\$ 267.00

A fee payment of \$267.00 to cover the cost of the claims remaining after entry of the attached Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

A check for \$267.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please charge any additional required fees to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

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